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D.C. Metro Rehab May Challenge Ozone Compliance

A nearly yearlong effort to rehabilitate the Washington, D.C., area's Metrorail system is expected to increase congestion on the roadways in some parts of the nation's capital, which could increase vehicle emissions at the same...

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More Discovery in Murray Energy-EPA Lawsuit to Be Argued

A federal district court judge has ordered oral argument June 29 on a coal company's motion to compel additional discovery from the Environmental Protection Agency in an ongoing lawsuit about the impact Clean Air Act regulations have...

Air Pollution

More Litigation Over EPA's Mercury Rule 'Corrections'

An Environmental Protection Agency rule that the agency said made "technical corrections" to its Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for power plants is being challenged by a power industry trade group (Util. Air Regulatory Grp. v....

Air Pollution

South Korea Shortens Deadline to Address Seoul Air Pollution

South Korea moved up the target year for achieving European standards of urban air quality from 2024 to 2021 in response to the worsening pollution in the capital region in and around Seoul, the Ministry of Environment and five other ministries...

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Positioning for Sept. CR Seen Amid Flurry of Action

The view of this year's return to "regular order" appears strikingly similar from both Republicans' and Democrats' perspective, with former top aides to the House Appropriations Committee predicting...

Chemicals

Green Light for Senate TSCA Bill as Sen. Paul Drops Objection

Legislation to overhaul a 1970s-era U.S. chemical law now has a green light to return to the Senate floor, possibly this week, after Kentucky Republican Sen. Rand Paul agreed to drop his objection to a fast-track vote....

Chemicals

Highlights of Chemical Bill Senate Considering

Bloomberg BNA prepared an analysis of the Toxic Substances Control Act compared with the authorities provided and requirements of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2576). ...

Energy

Government Attempts to Save Nuclear Plants May Be Too Late

State and federal efforts may be too late to save nuclear plants struggling to remain profitable in deregulated wholesale energy markets in the Midwest and Northeast, the nuclear industry says....

Enforcement

Wisconsin's Wastewater Program Gets Failing Grade

A legislative oversight agency gave Wisconsin a failing grade in an extensive audit of the state's wastewater permitting and enforcement activities and called on the Department of Natural Resources to develop a strategy for addressing...

EPA

White House Assistant Press Secretary Moves to EPA

A former White House assistant press secretary will be moving over to the Environmental Protection Agency to be its associate administrator for public affairs the week of June 13, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said in a memo to employees....

Oil & Gas

Hercules Offshore Files for Bankruptcy, Transfers Rig to Maersk

Hercules Offshore Inc., owner of the largest fleet of shallow-water drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, filed for bankruptcy with a plan to sell off its assets as the crude slump cut demand since its last trip through Chapter 11 less than a year...

REACH

EU Amends REACH Annexes to Reduce Animal Tests

Tests that must be carried out under the European Union's REACH chemicals law to determine certain properties of

substances by default should no longer use animals after June 20, under a European Commission regulation that amends the...

Renewable Energy

Aquantis Taps Into Oceans for Energy With Marine Turbines

Jim Dehlsen, a 79-year-old wind-energy pioneer who sold one turbine company to Enron and took another public, has spent his life thinking about the best way to make blades turn in the sky. For his latest effort, he is flipping a turbine upside...

Renewable Energy

China Said to Expand Green Energy Fund With U.S. to \$3B

China and the U.S. are bulking up the size and scope of a fund created to finance green projects to about \$3 billion, according to two people familiar with the decision....

Renewable Energy

European Countries Reach North Sea Wind Power Pact

Energy ministers from nine countries in northwest Europe agreed June 6 to start a voluntary cooperation and standardization program aimed at streamlining the development of offshore wind power generation capacity in the North Sea....

Superfund

Massachusetts Oil Exemption Doesn't Include Leaded Gas

A provision exempting oil from some provisions of the Massachusetts Superfund law doesn't apply to gasoline containing lead, the Massachusetts high court ruled June 6 (Peterborough Oil Co. v. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot., 2016 BL 177259,...

Sustainability

Got Food Waste? There's an Accounting Standard for That

The farm-to-fork movement now includes food that never makes it onto a fork, thanks to a new standard that helps countries and companies account for the estimated one-third of all food that gets lost or wasted along the way....

Toxic Substances

Canada's Environmental Auditor Criticizes Chemicals Oversight

Canada's federal health department fails to ensure that products and cosmetics available to consumers are free of toxic substances, the country's environmental auditor said....

Toxic Substances

EU Remains Deadlocked Over Glyphosate Reauthorization

The European Union process to reauthorize the widely used herbicide glyphosate remained stuck June 6, creating uncertainty ahead of the June 30 expiration date for the current EU-level authorization of the substance....

Trade

Ecuador Loses Bid for Review of \$96 Million Chevron Award

Ecuador lost its bid to have the Supreme Court revive its challenge to a \$96 million international arbitration award—\$106

million with interest—in favor of energy giant Chevron Inc. (Ecuador v. Chevron Corp., 2016 BL 179029,...

Water Infrastructure

Water Utilities Express Concern Over Tax-Exempt Bond Proposal

Federal regulators are considering revising parts of a proposed rule that water utilities and others say would unintentionally restrict water and sewer utilities' access to tax-exempt bonds, officials said June 6....

Water Pollution

High Court Remands Louisiana Wetlands Determination Case

The U.S. Supreme Court ordered an appeals court June 6 to reconsider whether a government finding of wetlands on a Louisiana property amounts to final agency action subject to judicial review (Kent Recycling Servs. LLC v. U.S. Army Corps of...

Water Pollution

N.Y. and PFOA Firms Sign Consent Order

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. and Honeywell International Inc. have entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to investigate the source and scope of water contamination...

Water Pollution

Sewage in Rio Revives Brazil's Privatization Dreams

Two months before the Olympics, the world is eyeing the sewage off Rio de Janeiro with both alarm and black humor—marathon swimmers say they are afraid of getting sick while Saturday Night Live has depicted President Dilma Rousseff saying...

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